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TO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EGEN, APCAC

SUBJECT: PUBLIC RELEASE OF HONG KONG APCAC CABLE

REF: HONG KONG 91027

1. PERKINS SENT COPY OF HIS CIRCULAR LETTER WITH
HONG KONG'S 14955 ENCLOSED TO GEBER. GEBER ANSWERED
WITH FOLLOWING LETTER.

"I JUST RECEIVED A COPY OF YOUR LETTER TO THE AMCHAM
PRESIDENTS AND APCAC VICE CHAIRMAN AND I HASTEN TO REPLY.

WE SHARE YOUR VIEWS ABOUT THE UNFORTUNATE PUBLICITY GIVEN
TO SOME OF THE CONTROVERSIES WITHIN THE RANKS OF APCAC.
NEEDLESS TO SAY, WE ALSO REGRET THAT SOME OF THOSE
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PERSPECTIVE SOME OF THESE ARE ISSUES WHICH ARE AT BEST
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YOU TO KNOW THAT WE HAVE ANSWERED THAT CABLE AS FOLLOWS.

1. WE APPRECIATE INFO CONTAINED IN (YOUR MESSAGE) AND WE ARE AWARE OF DISENCHANTMENT OF SEVERAL AMCHAMS, PARTICULARLY HONG KONG, WITH APCAC IN LIGHT OF THE JAKARTA PROCEEDINGS. OBVIOUSLY IT IS UP TO APCAC AND CONSTITUENT CHAMBERS TO COMPOSE THEIR DIFFERENCES AND DECIDE WHETHER TO MAINTAIN ORGANIZATION AND GIVE IT USEFUL DIRECTION.

2. IN MEANTIME INVITATION EXTENDED TO APCAC TO HAVE SESSION WITH REGIONAL COMMERCIAL OFFICERS HAS BEEN JOINTLY AGREED BETWEEN COMMERCE AND STATE. IT WAS IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST BY APCAC, DECIDED AT EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS' MEETING IN JAKARTA IN WHICH, WE ARE TOLD, HONG KONG EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PARTICIPATED.

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SEVERAL OF OUR EMBASSIES IN THE REGION HAVE ALSO COMMENTED TO THE EFFECT THAT WE SHOULD CONTINUE TO GIVE OUR SUPPORT TO APCAC.

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